



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF DETECTIVE RICHARD PHILPOTT

After 25-plus years with the Salem Police Department, Detective Richard Philpott has retired effective April 30. Philpott came to the Salem P.D. after working two years as an officer at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Before beginning his law enforcement career, the jack of all trades was a concrete finisher and Harley Davidson Motorcycle mechanic.

Detective Philpott was sworn in as a Salem Police Officer in October of 1984 and spent more than 17 years of his career as a member of the Regional Drug Enforcement Task Force.

“Although Richard began his law enforcement career late in life, he has been an outstanding officer for Salem the last 25 years,” says Salem Police Chief, Jeff Dudley. “His career was unique due to the length of time he spent on the task force, but he certainly will be missed.”

Philpott, his wife, Rita, and their daughter reside in Botetourt County.

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